

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (Currently amended) A method in a computer system for tracking and processing redemption of rebates from a plurality of vendors, the computer system maintaining a multi-vendor rebate list with rebate data for rebates associated with each of the vendors, comprising:

receiving a multi-vendor rebate list related message from a vendor; and  
in response to the received message, dispensing information related to a portion of  
the multi-vendor- rebate- list, in response to a multi vendor rebate list message relating to  
associated with a the vendor.

2. (Currently amended) The method of Claim claim 1; wherein said the dispensing information related to a the portion of the multi-vendor- rebate- list, in response to a multi vendor rebate list message associated with a vendor further includescomprises:

transmitting data to inform a manufacturer vendor of specific rebate data.

3. (Currently amended) The method of Claimclaim 2; wherein said the transmitting data to inform a manufacturer the vendor of specific rebate data includesfurther comprises:

transmitting data to inform the-a manufacturer of at least one a payment due or  
owed to at least one retailer, where suchthe payment is-based, at least in part, on a record having  
at least one recorded rebate transaction.

4. (Currently amended) The method of ~~Claim~~claim 2, wherein said~~the~~ transmitting data to inform ~~a manufacturer~~the vendor of specific rebate data further includescomprises:

transmitting data to inform ~~the~~a manufacturer of ~~at least one~~a payment due or owed to at least one retailer, ~~where such~~the payment is-based, at least in part, on ~~a record having~~ at least one recorded rebate transaction and a specified period of time.

5. (Currently amended) The method of ~~Claim~~1~~claim 2, wherein said~~the~~ transmitting data to inform the vendor of specific rebate data dispensing information related to a multi vendor rebate list, in response to a multi vendor rebate list message associated with a vendor further includescomprises:~~

transmitting data to inform at least one of a manufacturer, a wholesaler, and a retailer of specific rebate data.

6. (Currently amended) The method of ~~Claim~~claim 2-5, wherein said~~the~~ transmitting data to inform ~~a retailer~~the vendor of specific rebate data further includescomprises:

transmitting data to inform ~~the~~a retailer of ~~at least one~~a payment due or owed to the retailer, ~~where such~~the payment is-based, at least in part, on ~~a record having~~ at least one recorded rebate transaction.

7. (Currently amended) The method of ~~Claim~~claim 2-5, wherein said~~the~~ transmitting data to inform ~~a retailer~~the vendor of specific rebate data further includescomprises:

transmitting data to inform ~~the~~a retailer of ~~at least one~~a payment due or owed to the retailer, ~~where such~~the payment is-based, at least in part, on ~~a record having~~ at least one recorded rebate transaction and a specified period of time.

8. (Currently amended) The method of ~~Claim~~claim 1, wherein said~~the~~ dispensing information related to ~~a~~the portion of the multi-vendor-rebate-list, in response to a multi vendor rebate list message associated with a vendor further includescomprises:

recording a rebate transaction.

9. (Currently amended) The method of ~~Claim~~claim 8, wherein said the recording at the rebate transaction further comprises includes:

adjusting a rebate vehicle volume-of-usage counter in response to a message, associated with at least one rebate related vendor, that a rebate vehicle has been scanned/redeemed.

10. (Currently amended) The method of ~~Claim~~claim 9, wherein the rebate vehicle comprises at least one of a coupon or and an in-store special.

11. (Currently amended) The method of ~~Claim~~claim 1, wherein said the dispensing information related to a portion of the multi-vendor-rebate-list, in response to a multi-vendor-rebate-list message associated with a vendor further comprises includes:

sending a response message that a rebate vehicle volume-of-usage counter has been adjusted in response to a message from at least one rebate related vendor that a rebate vehicle has been redeemed scanned.

12. (Currently amended) The method of ~~Claim~~claim 1, wherein said the dispensing information related to a portion of the multi-vendor-rebate-list, in response to a multi-vendor-rebate-list message associated with a vendor further includes comprises:

sending a response message — containing that contains at least one of part selected from the group comprising a value of a rebate, and at least one limit on a quantity of a rebate—in response to a message, associated with at least one rebate related vendor, that a rebate vehicle has been redeemed scanned.

13. (Currently amended) The method of ~~Claim~~claim 1, wherein the received multi-vendor rebate list related message is dispensing information related to a multi-vendor rebate list, in response to a multi-vendor rebate list message associated with a vendor further includes:

~~receiving a message, associated with a vendor, that at least one rebate vehicle associated with the vendor has been scannedredeemed.~~

14. (Currently amended) The method of ~~Claim~~claim 13, wherein ~~said~~the receiving ~~a~~the message, associated with a vendor, that at least one rebate vehicle has been scannedredeemed ~~has been scanned further includescomprises:~~

~~cheching determining from~~ the message for an ~~indicia~~indication of origination of the rebate vehicle.

15. (Currently amended) The method of ~~Claim~~claim 13, wherein ~~said~~the receiving ~~ing~~ a message, associated with a vendor, that at least one rebate vehicle has been scannedredeemed ~~is further includes:~~

~~receiving a message associated with at least one scanner of the vendor.~~

16. (Currently amended) The method of ~~Claim~~claim 15, wherein ~~said~~the receiving ~~a~~the message associated with ~~the~~ at least one scanner of the vendor further ~~includescomprises:~~

receiving the message via at least one central computer.

17. (Currently amended) The method of ~~Claim~~claim 15, wherein ~~said~~the receiving ~~a~~the message associated with ~~the~~ at least one scanner of the vendor further ~~includescomprises:~~

receiving the message via at least one computer local to ~~at least one of~~ a retailer or and a manufacturer.

18. (Currently amended) The method of ~~Claim~~claim 1, wherein ~~said~~the dispensing information related to a ~~receiving the multi-vendor\_ rebate\_ list, in response to a multi-vendor rebate list related~~ message associated with ~~a~~from the vendor further comprises:

receiving a message inquiring as to monies owed.

19. (Currently amended) The method of ~~Claim~~claim 1, wherein said the dispensing information related to a receiving the multi-vendor-rebate-list, in response to a multi-vendor rebate list related message associated with a from the vendor further comprisingcomprises:

receiving a message associated with at least one of a retailer or and a manufacturer.

20. (Currently amended) The method of ~~Claim~~claim 1, wherein said the dispensing information related to a portion of the multi-vendor-rebate-list, in response to a multi-vendor rebate list message associated with a vendor further includescomprises:

transmitting data to inform a vendor as to monies owed for said the dispensing information related to a multi-vendor-rebate-list.

21. (Currently amended) The method of ~~Claim~~claim 1, further comprising:  
transmitting billing data to a vendor for said the dispensing information related to a multi-vendor-rebate-list.

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22. (Currently amended) The method of ~~Claim~~claim 21, wherein said the transmitting billing data to the vendor for said the dispensing information related to a multi-vendor rebate list further comprises:

transmitting billing data having a fee selected from a group comprising a fee based upon at least one of answering an inquiry as to monies owed, a fee based on a value of rebate transactions, and a fee based on a number of rebate transactions.

23. (Currently amended) A system for tracking and redemption of rebates from a plurality of vendors, the system maintaining a multi-vendor rebate list with rebate data for rebates associated with each of the vendors, comprising:

means for receiving a multi-vendor rebate list related message from a vendor; and  
means for dispensing information related to a multi-vendor-rebate-list, in response to a multi-vendor rebate list message associated with a vendor.

24. (Currently amended) The system of Claimclaim 23, wherein said the means for dispensing information related to ~~a-the multi-vendor-rebate-list, in response to a multi vendor rebate list message associated with a vendor further includescomprises:~~ transmitting data to inform a manufacturervendor of specific rebate data.

25. (Currently amended) The system of Claimclaim 24, wherein said the means for transmitting data to inform ~~a manufacturer~~the vendor of specific rebate data ~~includes~~further comprises:

means for transmitting data to inform ~~the-a~~ manufacturer of ~~at least one~~a payment due or owed to at least one retailer, ~~where such~~the payment is based, at least in part, on ~~a record~~ having at least one recorded rebate transaction.

26. (Currently amended) The system of Claimclaim 24, wherein said the means for transmitting data to inform ~~a manufacturer~~the vendor of specific rebate data further ~~includes~~comprises:

means for transmitting data to inform ~~the-a~~ manufacturer of ~~at least one~~a payment due or owed to at least one retailer, ~~where such~~the payment is based, at least in part, on ~~a record~~ having at least one recorded rebate transaction and a specified period of time.

27. (Currently amended) The system of Claimclaim 24, wherein said the means for ~~transmitting data to inform the vendor of specific rebate data~~dispensing information related to a multi vendor rebate list, in response to a multi vendor rebate list message associated with a vendor further ~~includes~~comprises:

means for transmitting data to inform at least one of a manufacturer, a wholesaler, and a retailer of specific rebate data.

28. (Currently amended) The system of ~~Claim~~claim 24-27, wherein saidthe means for transmitting data to inform ~~a retailer~~the vendor of specific rebate data further includescomprises:

means for transmitting data to inform ~~the~~a retailer of ~~at least one~~a payment due or owed to the retailer, ~~where such~~the payment is-based, at least in part, on a record having at least one recorded rebate transaction.

29. (Currently amended) The system of ~~Claim~~claim 24-27, wherein saidthe means for transmitting data to inform ~~a retailer~~the vendor of specific rebate data ~~means for informing a retailer of specific rebate data~~ further includescomprises:

means for transmitting data to inform ~~the~~a retailer of ~~at least one~~a payment due or owed to the retailer, ~~where such~~the payment is-based, at least in part, on a record having at least one recorded rebate transaction and a specified period of time.

30. (Currently amended) The system of ~~Claim~~claim 23, wherein saidthe means for dispensing information related to ~~a the multi-vendor- rebate- list, in response to a multi-vendor rebate list message associated with a vendor~~ further includescomprises:

means for recording a rebate transaction.

31. (Currently amended) The system of ~~Claim~~claim 30, wherein saidthe means for recording ~~a the~~ rebate transaction further includescomprises:

means for adjusting a rebate vehicle volume-of-usage counter in response to ~~a the message, associated with at least one rebate related vendor, that a rebate vehicle has been scannedredeemed~~.

32. (Currently amended) The system of ~~Claim~~claim 31, wherein the rebate vehicle comprises at least one of a coupon ~~or and~~ an in-store special.

33. (Currently amended) The system of ~~Claim~~claim 23, wherein said the means for dispensing information related to a ~~the multi-vendor-rebate-list, in response to a multi-vendor rebate list message associated with a vendor further includes~~ comprises:

means for sending a response message that a rebate vehicle volume-of-usage counter has been adjusted in response to a message from at least one rebate related vendor that a rebate vehicle has been scannedredeemed.

34. (Currently amended) The system of ~~Claim~~claim 23, wherein said the means for dispensing information related to a ~~the multi-vendor-rebate-list, in response to a multi-vendor rebate list message associated with a vendor further includes~~ comprises:

means for sending a response message —~~containing~~that contains at least one of part selected from the group comprising a value of a rebate, and at least one limit on a quantity of a rebate —in response to a message, ~~associated with at least one rebate related vendor that a rebate vehicle has been~~ scannedredeemed.

35. (Currently amended) The system of ~~Claim~~claim 23, wherein said the means for dispensing information related to a ~~multi-vendor rebate list, in response to a multi-vendor rebate list message associated with a vendor received multi-vendor rebate list related message further includes~~:

~~means for receiving a message, associated with a vendor, is that at least one rebate vehicle has been~~ scannedredeemed.

36. (Currently amended) The system of ~~Claim~~claim 35, wherein said the means for receiving a ~~the message, associated with a vendor, that at least one rebate vehicle has been~~ scannedredeemed ~~has been scanned~~ further includes comprises:

means for ~~ckecking~~determining from the message for an ~~indicia~~indication of origination of the rebate vehicle.

37. (Currently amended) The system of Claimclaim 35, wherein saidthe means for receiving received a message associated with a vendor, that at least one rebate vehicle has been scanned redeemed is further includes:

~~means for receiving a message~~ associated with at least one scanner of the vendor.

38. (Currently amended) The system of Claimclaim 37, wherein saidthe means for receiving a the message associated with the at least one scanner of the vendor further includescomprises:

~~means for receiving the message via at least one central computer.~~

39. (Currently amended) The system of Claimclaim 37, wherein saidthe means for receiving a the message associated with the at least one scanner of the vendor further includescomprises:

~~means for receiving the message via at least one computer local to at least one of a retailer orand a manufacturer.~~

40. (Currently amended) The system of Claimclaim 23, wherein saidthe means for dispensing information related to areceiving the multi-vendor-rebate-list related, in response to a multi vendor rebate list message associated with afrom the vendor further comprises:

~~means for receiving a message inquiring as to monies owed.~~

41. (Currently amended) The system of Claimclaim 23, wherein saidthe means for dispensing information related to areceiving the multi-vendor-rebate-list related, in response to a multi vendor rebate list message associated with afrom the vendor further comprisingcomprises:

~~means for receiving a message associated with at least one of a retailer orand a manufacturer.~~

42. (Currently amended) The system of ~~Claim~~claim 23, wherein ~~said~~the means for dispensing information related to ~~a~~the multi-vendor-rebate-list, ~~in response to a multi vendor rebate list message associated with a vendor further includes~~comprises:

~~means for transmitting data to inform a vendor as to monies owed for~~ ~~said~~the dispensing information related to ~~a~~the multi-vendor-rebate-list.

43. (Currently amended) The system of ~~Claim~~claim 23, further comprising:  
~~means for transmitting billing data to a vendor for~~ ~~said~~the dispensing information related to ~~a~~the multi-vendor-rebate-list.

44. (Currently amended) The system of ~~Claim~~claim 43, wherein ~~said~~the means for transmitting billing data ~~to the vendor for~~ ~~said~~the dispensing information related to ~~a~~the multi-vendor-rebate-list further comprises:

~~means for transmitting billing data having a fee selected from a group comprising a fee based upon at least one of~~ answering an inquiry as to monies owed, ~~a fee based on a value of rebate transactions, and a fee based on a number of rebate transactions.~~

45. (Currently amended) A method ~~in a computer system for tracking and processing redemption of rebates from a plurality of vendors, the computer system maintaining a multi-vendor rebate list with rebate data for rebates associated with each of the vendors,~~ comprising:

displaying information in response to ~~receiving~~ a multi-vendor-rebate-list vendor identifier.

46. (Currently amended) The method of ~~Claim~~claim 45, wherein the vendor identifier further includes:

~~the vendor identifier selected from the vendor identifier list comprising is at least one of a user identifier, a password, a cookie, and an encrypted symbol.~~

47. (Currently amended) The method of ~~Claim~~claim 45, wherein saidthe displaying information ~~in response to a multi vendor rebate list vendor identifier further includescomprises:~~

displaying manufacturer~~vendor~~-specific rebate data.

48. (Currently amended) The method of ~~Claim~~claim 47, wherein saidthe displaying manufacturer~~vendor~~-specific rebate data further ~~includescomprises:~~

displaying at least one~~a~~ payment due or owed to at least one retailer.

49. (Currently amended) The method of ~~Claim~~claim 48, wherein saidthe displaying at least one ~~the~~ payment due or owed to at least one retailer further ~~includescomprises:~~

displaying at least one~~the~~ payment due or owed to the at least one retailer in conjunction with at least one recorded rebate transaction.

50. (Currently amended) The method of ~~Claim~~claim 48, wherein saidthe displaying at least one~~the~~ payment due or owed to at least one retailer further ~~includescomprises:~~

displaying at least one~~the~~ payment due or owed to the at least one retailer in conjunction with at least one recorded rebate transaction and a specified period of time.

51. (Currently amended) The method of ~~Claim~~claim 48, wherein saidthe displaying at least one~~the~~ payment due or owed to at least one retailer further ~~includescomprises:~~

displaying information regarding at least one of a coupon or and an in-store special transaction.

52. (Currently amended) The method of ~~Claim~~claim 47~~45~~, wherein saidthe displaying information~~vendor-specific rebate data in response to a multi vendor rebate list vendor identifier includes~~further comprises:

displaying at least one of manufacturer-specific, wholesaler-specific, and retailer-specific rebate data.

53-56. (Canceled)

57. (Currently amended) The method of ~~Claim~~claim 45, wherein ~~said~~the displaying information ~~in response to a multi-vendor rebate list vendor identifier further comprises:~~

~~displaying a message as to monies owed.~~

58. (Currently amended) The method of ~~Claim~~claim 45, wherein ~~said~~the dispensing ~~displaying~~ information ~~related to a multi-vendor rebate list, in response to a multi-vendor rebate list message associated with a vendor further comprising~~comprises:

~~displaying in near real-time information receiving a message associated with one of a retailer or-and a manufacturer that is identified by the received vendor identifier.~~

59. (Currently amended) The method of ~~Claim~~claim 45, further comprising:

~~displaying billing data to a vendor related to dispensing information related to a the multi-vendor-rebate-list.~~

60. (Currently amended) The method of ~~Claim~~claim 59, wherein ~~said~~the displaying billing data ~~related to dispensing information related to a multi-vendor rebate list~~ further comprises:

~~displaying billing data having a fee selected from a group comprising a fee based upon at least one of answering an inquiry as to monies owed, a fee based on a value of rebate transactions, and a fee based on a number of rebate transactions.~~

61. (Currently amended) A ~~System~~system for tracking and redemption of rebates from a plurality of vendors, comprising:

~~a multi-vendor rebate list having rebate data for rebates associated with each of the vendors;~~

~~means for displaying information in response to receiving a multi-vendor-rebate-list vendor identifier.~~

62. (Currently amended) The system of ~~Claim~~claim 61, wherein the vendor identifier further includes:

~~the vendor identifier selected from the vendor identifier list comprising~~ is at least one of a user identifier, a password, a cookie, and an encrypted symbol.

63. (Currently amended) The system of ~~Claim~~claim 61, wherein ~~said~~the means for displaying information ~~in response to a multi-vendor rebate list~~ vendor identifier further includescomprises:

means for displaying manufacturer~~vendor~~-specific rebate data.

64. (Currently amended) The system of ~~Claim~~claim 63, wherein ~~said~~the means for displaying manufacturer~~vendor~~-specific rebate data further includescomprises:

means for displaying ~~at least one~~ payment due or owed to at least one retailer.

65. (Currently amended) The system of ~~Claim~~claim 64, wherein ~~said~~the means for displaying ~~at least one~~ the payment due or owed to ~~at least one~~ retailer further includescomprises:

means for displaying ~~at least one~~ the payment due or owed to the at least one retailer in conjunction with at least one recorded rebate transaction.

66. (Currently amended) The system of ~~Claim~~claim 64, wherein ~~said~~the means for displaying ~~at least one~~ the payment due or owed to ~~at least one~~ retailer further includescomprises:

means for displaying ~~at least one~~ the payment due or owed to the at least one retailer in conjunction with at least one recorded rebate transaction and a specified period of time.

67. (Currently amended) The system of ~~Claim~~claim 64, wherein said the means for displaying at least one ~~the~~ payment due or owed to at least one retailer further includescomprises:

means for displaying information regarding at least one ~~of~~ of a coupon or ~~and~~ an in-store special transaction.

68. (Currently amended) The system of ~~Claim~~claim 6361, wherein said the means for displaying information ~~the vendor-specific rebate data in response to a multi vendor-rebate list vendor identifier further includescomprises:~~

means for displaying at least one ~~of~~ manufacturer-specific, wholesaler-specific, and retailer-specific rebate data.

69-72. (Cancelled)

73. (Currently amended) The system of ~~Claim~~claim 61, wherein said the means for displaying information ~~in response to a multi vendor rebate list vendor identifier further comprises:~~

means for displaying a message as to monies owed.

74. (Currently amended) The system of ~~Claim~~claim 61, wherein said the means for dispensing ~~displaying~~ information related to a multi vendor rebate list, ~~in response to a multi vendor rebate list message associated with a vendor further comprisingcomprises:~~

means for ~~displaying in near real-time information receiving a message associated with one of~~ a retailer or ~~and~~ a manufacturer that is identified by the received vendor identifier.

75. (Currently amended) The system of ~~Claim~~claim 61, further comprising:

means for displaying billing data ~~to a vendor~~ related to dispensing information related to ~~a~~the multi-vendor- rebate- list.

76. (Currently amended) The system of ~~Claim~~claim 75, wherein ~~said~~ the means for displaying billing data related to ~~dispensing information related to a multi-vendor rebate list~~ further comprises:

~~means for displaying billing data having a fee selected from a group comprising a fee-based upon at least one of answering an inquiry as to monies owed, a fee based on a value of rebate transactions, and a fee based on a number of rebate transactions.~~

77. (New) The method of claim 1 wherein the dispensing information further comprises:

~~dispensing information related to the portion of the multi-vendor rebate list in near real-time.~~

78. (New) The method of claim 1 wherein the receiving a multi-vendor rebate list related message from the vendor, further comprises:

~~receiving a message that a rebate vehicle has been redeemed by scanning.~~

79. (New) The method of claim 78 wherein the rebate vehicle is at least one of a coupon and an in-store discount.

80. (New) The system of claim 23 wherein the means for dispensing information further comprises:

~~means for dispensing information related to the portion of the multi-vendor rebate list in near real-time.~~

81. (New) The system of claim 23 wherein the means for receiving a multi-vendor rebate list related message from the vendor, further comprises:

~~means for receiving a message that a rebate vehicle has been redeemed using a scanner.~~

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82. (New) The system of claim 81 wherein the rebate vehicle is at least one of a coupon and an in-store discount.

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